

REMARKS

Applicant concurrently files herewith an Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter, and corresponding excess claim fee, for five (5) excess total claims.

Claims 1-12, 21-24 and 28-43 are all of the claims presently pending in the application. Previously pending claims 1-12, 21-24 and 28-38 have not been amended.

Claims 39-43 have been added to claim additional features of the invention and to provide more varied protection for the claimed invention. These claims are patentable at least based on the novel and non-obvious features recited therein.

Applicants submit that claims 1-12, 21-24 and 28-43, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,

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